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SUBJECT: NIGER DESTITUTES TO BE REPATRIATED

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1. SEPT. 20 PRESS REPORTS NIGER AMBASSADOR AS SAYING ARRANGEMENTS BEEN MWDE REPATRIATE DESTITUTE NIGER NATIONALS FROM NIGERIAN CITIES. THIS IN WAKE NEWS STORIES, EDITORIALS, LETTERS TO EDITORS COMPLAINING NIGER NATIONALS MAKING NUISANCE OF SELVES BEGGING IN STREETS AND ENGAGING IN ROBBERIES.

2/ SPEAKING IN KADUNA ON TOUR NORTHERN STATES, AMBASSADOR YOUSOUFUFU SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH NIGERIA UNDER NEW FMG. IN APPARENT RESPONSE NEWS STORIES CRITICIZING NIGER LIVESTOCK EXPORT BAN CAUSING MEAT SHORTAGE NIGERIA, AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT BAN IMPOSED BECAUSE DROUGHT HAD BROUGHT ABOUT LARGE LOSSES LIVESTOCK AND THAT ALL NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AFFECTED, NOT JUST NIGERIA.

3. COMMENT: APPARENT AMBASSADOR YOUSOUFUFU DOING HIS
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BIT TRY SMMOTH OUT SOURCES IRRITATION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES

AND GET OFF ON RIGHT FOOT WITH NEW FMG. HIS ACTIVITIES
PRESUMABLY NOT UNCONNECTED WITH MOVES REPORTED REFTELS,
VIZ. NIGER FORMIN'S VISIT TO LAGOS AND FMG'S APPOINTMENT
NEW SECRETARY GENERAL TO JOINT COMMISSION.
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